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Dear Mr. Cluck,

I am a captain on Hy-Line's fast ferry Grey Lady sailing to Nantucket. I have worked on Nantucket Sound for over 40 years. You took a trip with me last spring and asked if I had any concerns about the wind farm.

Last week a Coast Guard helicopter rescued two men from the fishing boat Scratcher. The Scratcher was located inside the foot print of the wind farm.

As large power plants on land are currently the focus of high security, wouldn't the public therefore be excluded completely from the area around the wind farm? I feel that such a large plant would be an attractive target for terrorists. A small group of fast boats could make their way through the turbines placing remotely controlled explosives on many towers in a short time.

Fast ferries traveling at thirty to thirty-four knots would be passing a tower every thirty seconds or less. There are many boats that are faster than the fast ferries currently on Nantucket sound. I know myself and other captains of the Grey Lady, have and will use that area when the wind blows hard from the west. The large seas from the west can't make it over the west side of the Horse Shoe. This allows the Grey Lady to maintain her schedule and not cancel on some bad weather days. If this area is completely closed off for security reasons we will no longer have access to that shipping route.

Cape Wind, as far as I know, has conducted two bird surveys. The last one with a jack up barge with a crew on board lasted at least a month. The surveys were conducted in late spring or summer. I feel that the surveys are deliberately skirting the most active time of year - mid Nov. to March would yield a much richer database.

I have photos of the radar screen with flocks of sea ducks that are like swarms of locust. I have also taken many pictures of wintertime birds, but unfortunately they are mixed with other photos and I have been unable to locate them so far. I have photos of a boat showing some birds, and if you zoom in the number of birds become visible. I attached the photos for you to view, but the mail returned as too large. During the winter months thousands of birds fly southwest from Chatham to feed between Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard and return in the evening.

Millions of dollars have been spent for and against the wind farm. This and over a billion more of mostly public monies will be spent to complete the farm. If this money were to be spent on solar, almost all of the Cape & Islands could have panels installed. Laying flat on rooftops the panels would not be as intrusive as the Cape Wind project. The cost today for solar electricity is about \$6.00 a watt. It is projected to fall to \$1.00 in a year or so with the help of companies like DayStar Technologies. Web page; <http://www.daystartech.com/>

Sincerely, Robert Bazydlo